

To the FCC:

I wish to express my opposition to the forbearance decision in docket 04-254, in which the FCC has chosen not to enforce the broadband unbundling obligations that it had established in Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Although consumers and businesses may obtain broadband access from cable and satellite providers, the incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) is the most viable and economical option. I believe this forbearance decision, if enacted, will greatly reduce competition amongst the broadband providers, unfairly reinforce the incumbent carriers' monopoly franchise, as well as prompt layoffs amongst the broadband competitors. I urge the commissioners to revoke this forbearance decision.

Sincerely,

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